

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

This matter is before the Court upon self-represented plaintiff Malak Baalim's amended application to proceed in district court without prepaying fees or costs. ECF No. 4. Upon review of the financial affidavit, the Court has determined that plaintiff is unable to pay the filing fee. 28 U.S.C. § 1915. Consequently, the motion will be granted.

Additionally, the Court notes that on July 23, 2021, plaintiff was directed to file an amended complaint on a Court-provided form pursuant to E.D. Mo. L.R. 2.06(A). ECF No. 3. On August 4, 2021, plaintiff submitted an unsigned amended complaint via fax. The Clerk of Court noted in the docket sheet of this matter that the amended complaint did not include plaintiff's signature. As a result, the Clerk of Court returned the filing to plaintiff at the address listed on the amended complaint so that plaintiff may sign and return it to the Court for filing.

Under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11, every written pleading or motion must be signed “by a party personally if the party is unrepresented” and the Court may strike an unsigned paper “unless the omission is promptly corrected after being called to the . . . party’s attention.” Similarly, the local rules of this Court also require that all filings be signed by the party or the party’s attorney. E.D. Mo. L.R. 2.01(A)(1). The Court will therefore direct plaintiff to submit a

signed, amended complaint within thirty (30) days of this Memorandum and Order. If plaintiff fails to comply, this action will be dismissed.

Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that plaintiff's amended motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* [ECF No. 4] is **GRANTED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that plaintiff's original motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* [ECF No. 1] is **DENIED as moot**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that plaintiff shall sign the amended complaint and return it to the Court **within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order**.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that if plaintiff fails to comply with this Order, plaintiff's action shall be dismissed without prejudice.

Dated this 4th day of August, 2021.

\s\ Jean C. Hamilton
JEAN C. HAMILTON
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE